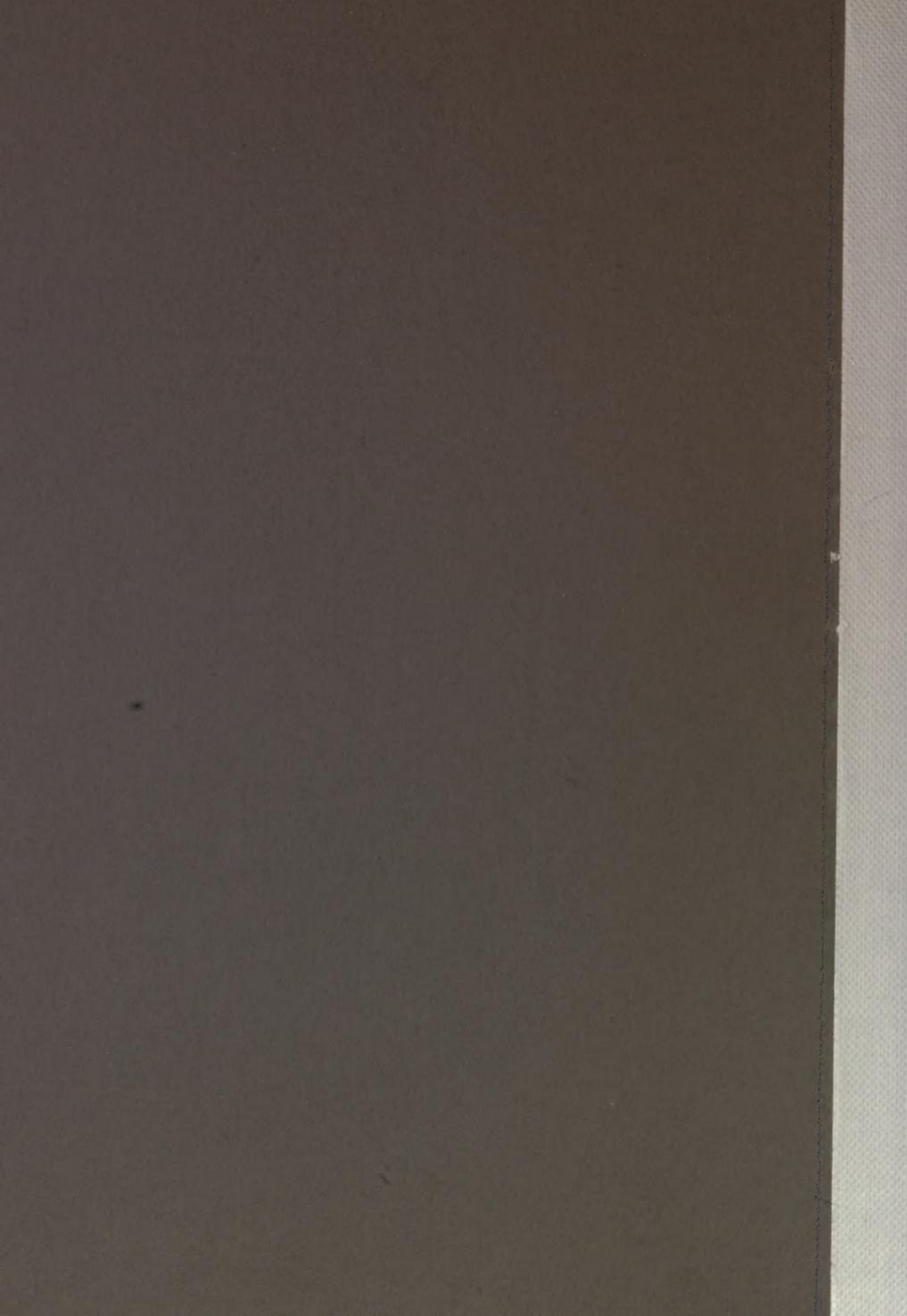


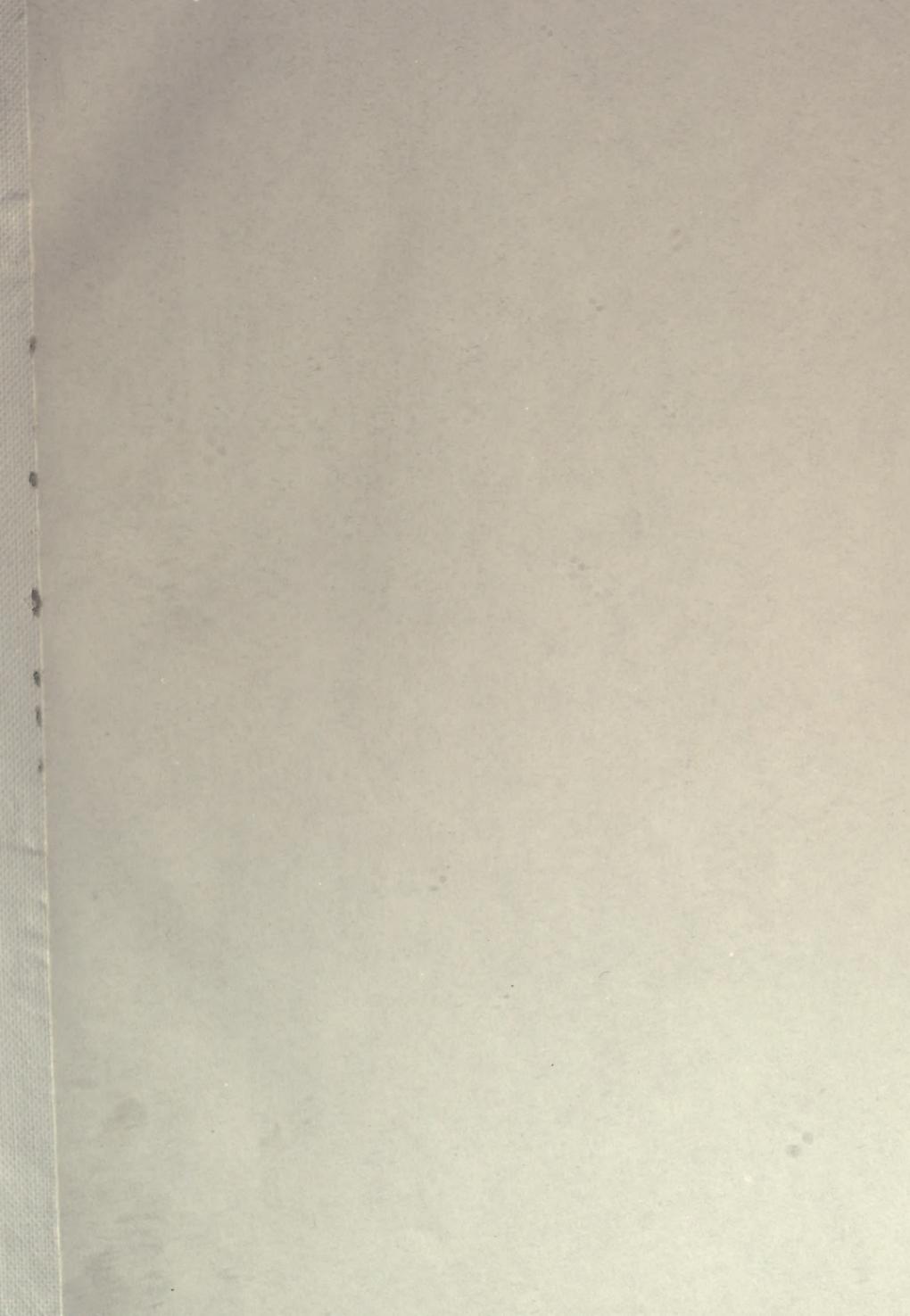
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EARLY in the craft year which began on 19 July 1557, and was the first of the chartered existence of the Stationers' Company, John Waley, or Wally, entered what was no doubt the present play on the Register along with several other works. The entry runs as follows:

[Arber's Transcript, I. 75.]

That Waley printed an edition is therefore to be presumed, but it does not necessarily follow that the extant copy, which though perfect bears neither date nor printer's name, ever belonged to it. Indeed, a comparison with a number of works to which he did affix his name suggests grave doubts on the subject. Though not a high-class printer, there seems no reason to ascribe to him a piece of work which for badness alike of composition and press-work appears to be unique among the dramatic productions of the sixteenth century.

‘Wealth and health’ appears among the titles in the list of plays appended to the edition of Goffe’s *Careless Shepherdess*, printed for Rogers and Ley in 1656. The entry was repeated with the designation ‘C[omedy].’ in Archer’s list of the same year, and, without the addition, in those of Kirkman in 1661 and 1671. In 1691 Langbaine wrote ‘*Wealth and Health*, a Play of which I can give no Account.’ Gildon has no further information to offer, nor have any of his immediate followers. Chetwood, in 1752, classes it among ‘Plays Wrote by Anonymous Authors in the 16th [by which he means the seventeenth] Century,’ calls it ‘an Interlude’ and dates it 1602. This invention was only copied in those lists which depended directly on Chetwood’s, such

as the *Playhouse Pocket-Companion* of 1779. Meanwhile, in his *Companion to the Play-House* of 1764, D. E. Baker, relying upon Coxeter's notes, gave an essentially accurate description of the piece, except that he asserted it to be 'full of Sport and mery Pastyme,' and described it as an octavo. This entry has been copied by subsequent bibliographers, none of whom have seen the original.

The play was among those discovered in Ireland in the spring of 1906 and sold at Sotheby's on 30 June, when it was purchased for the British Museum at the price of one hundred and ninety-five pounds. Its press-mark is C. 34. i. 25.

The extremely careless typography of the original makes the task of reprinting a difficult one. Ordinary misprints abound, and these have been scrupulously retained, a list of irregularities being added below. It has, however, proved impossible to arrive at any satisfactory method of distinguishing between 'n' and 'u.' In the first hundred lines, which are by no means the worst printed, there are thirty-two cases in which the letter is indistinguishable, eighteen cases of an apparent 'u' which should be 'n,' and seven cases of an apparent 'n' which should be 'u.' When it is further remembered that there are few cases in which it is possible to say for certain that a letter really is what it appears to be, and none in which it may not be turned, some idea of the difficulty in the way of reprinting will be obtained. To have followed the original in this matter would have been to introduce another misprint into at least every fourth line, while even so several hundred cases would have remained which could only have been decided according to the apparent sense of the passage. The only rational course was to treat the letters as indistinguishable throughout, and to

print in each instance whichever the sense seemed to require. Again, as the superscript letters 'c,' 'e,' 't,' are seldom distinguishable, the printer has been given the benefit of the doubt. Another difficulty arose in connection with the speakers' names. In the original these have often dropt from their proper places, which can now only be ascertained from the sense and the not very regular indentation. With some hesitation it has been decided to restore them to the positions they should apparently occupy, noting all cases in which they are a line or more out in the original. Lastly it may be remarked that in the speeches which aim at imitating foreign languages the apparent readings of the very indistinct original have been scrupulously reproduced, and no attempt has been made, even in the subjoined list, to suggest any corrections.

In the last sheet some of the pages are cropt at the foot. In most cases nothing more than the catchword has disappeared, and although between lines 768 and 769 something seems to be lost, it is doubtful whether this is due to the cropping, since *Di^v* has already one line too many.

The original is printed in the ordinary black letter of the period, of the body known as English (20 ll. = 94 mm.).

IRREGULAR AND DOUBTFUL READINGS.

Tit. att his	29. so (too ?)
5. tcowe	38. yetb
7. fleepe (?)	41. dyspayre (dysprayse)
13. nof	50. marualufy
24. Weith	52. iu
25. Jam	54. ts
27. ofcomparison	57. stander... nome

58. felte	195. please youto
62. Inlykewise	197. libert
63. Wh en (?) (no catchword)	201. werwhy (me, why?)
66. despyled	207. feloweh
70. thouart	214. shalde
74. answerrd	216. crow
75. wellh	224. beholde (be bolde)
76. thou' fagetyue (or ?tagetyue)	234. wylse (the 'l' doubtful) ifye (if he?)
80. Thai	237. allibert
84. benefites	238. notfoze
95. walth hatg...treasure	249. lubstaunce
98. stands (the 'f' doubtful)	250. werr
100. cempetent	251. whyte
105. Pe	253. lust (lusty)
107. otherwelth	257. lybertye
109. Euerywise	258. H elth (?)
110. dtspolicions	267. ran
127. saue (the 'e' doubtful)	270. loboure
134. woth	275. ofliberty...suter
137. stealth	278. alytle
144. hit	286. acquainted
149. a wreke	289. Dryue (the 'y' doubtful)
150. nf	290. Wy ll (?)...C (J)
159. (no catchword)	294. [H]ealth
164. nhw indifferenly	306. Chyst
165. ue	312. kindes
168. Weith	315. Arquaintance
177. tryasure	318. fo
178. ysthey	319. lybertyeis
191. (no catchword)	320. lyberfye, wili

bebolde (be bolde)	470. berter
322. Thyrfoſe	473. mayay (or ? nayay, reading very doubtful ; may say ?)
324. lybryte	475. Foxfoth...brother
328. ano	479. in (the 'n' doubtful)
337. pas (past)	485. wel...flye (flyt ?)
364. ther	498. you
367. jet hym (hem)	501. vegyled
373. Wytte (Will)	502. councell
379. felfe	507. Wy ll (?)
383. caa	508. fhe (?)
386. thought (sought)	509. chat...also ay
391. srhon (?)	511. meaneth (the 't' doubtful)
397. be gins	520. [Liberty ?]
398. fleminge	531. oardon
400. flemminges	534. am be (?)...well
wilmar (?)	545. Englaſd
405. icwelle	547. renlmes
408. lonck	548. thy (they)
410. ic compta hole	551. rm
414. Mae	553. apart...aceozitie
424. fſaunders	554. R[e]md[i]
425. fleminges	558. for (the 'f' doubtful)
426. theris	561. prefercing (?)
433. deuose	567. ehis
440. ftyll (?)	568. percelue
443. fhed wet	596. b e (?)
445. Wyll...cun	600. voor (?)
447. thing	601. tohether
450. geeat actorty	605. exchewe...III
452. hach	
453. lust (iust)...indifference	
460. fhalbe (the 'f' doubtful)	

607. <i>tep</i>	719. <i>Wyll.</i> (opposite l. 718)
609. <i>sach</i>	724. <i>wich</i>
613. <i>[] wil</i>	731. <i>welco me</i>
616. <i>apare</i>	735. <i>Health</i> (opposite l. 730)
618. <i>larye</i>	734. (no catchword)
622. <i>chat</i>	735. <i>her</i> (<i>hert</i> ?)
624. <i>afryde</i>	736. <i>v s</i> (?)
629. <i>Hew</i>	740. <i>.abor</i>
630. <i>p-omise</i> (the 'e' doubtful)	742. <i>sha me</i> (?)
631. <i>styest</i> (<i>spyst</i> ?)	753. <i>H ance</i> (?)
632. <i>lok e</i>	755. <i>Hance</i> (the 'e' doubtful)
633. <i>crooke</i> (the 'e' doubtful)	756. <i>nothin</i>
636. <i>Wyll.</i> (below l. 637)	757. <i>H ance</i> (?)
653. <i>euey</i>	760. <i>allaunts...reale</i>
654. <i>ofhell</i> (?)	764. <i>selfeloue</i> (?)
662. <i>false</i>	765. <i>descone</i> (?)
666. <i>libertidespise</i>	766. <i>subtel tiget</i>
667. <i>mateer</i>	768. (catchword cut off?)
668. <i>wat, ler...[Will.]</i>	769. [Remedy.] (but a whole line probably missing)
669. <i>a none</i>	772. <i>Ic ... Remdi</i> (the 'i' doubtful)
675. <i>thiag</i>	773. <i>i</i> (I or i)
676. <i>Afrr</i> (Aster)	776. <i>fleming</i> (the 'f' doubtful)... <i>lenger</i>
685. <i>I tis</i>	780. <i>tiberty</i>
686. <i>ihe</i>	782. <i>Health</i> (opposite l. 781)
693. <i>wlth...conoenient</i>	785. <i>nof</i> (?)
695. <i>Wyll.</i> (opposite l. 696)	787. <i>affirmity</i>
699. <i>tor</i>	790. <i>Health</i> (opposite l. 791)
705. <i>he</i>	791. <i>maladi</i> (the 'l' doubtful)
711. <i>Wytte</i> (opposite l. 712)	
716. <i>the</i>	

796. <i>ye t</i>	856. <i>these</i>
798. <i>people</i> (the second 'e' doubtful)... <i>detelt</i>	861. <i>contaa</i>
799. <i>theroffor</i> (?)	863. <i>three</i>
801. <i>A mendes</i> (catchword cropt)	864. <i>I Jyfbo...tham</i> (there is no lead between <i>Wyll.</i> and <i>Wytte.</i> ; the speakers' names to ll. 862-3 are half a line too low, those to ll. 865-7 half a line too high)
803. <i>doone</i> (the 'D' doubtful)	866. <i>Remd[i]</i>
804. <i>helse a mendes</i>	867. <i>abd</i> ... (signature and catchword cut off?)
807. <i>necessitie</i> (?)	868. <i>ful</i>
820. <i>thinketh</i> (the second 't' doubtful)	871. <i>speake</i>
821. <i>herc</i>	873. <i>season</i>
822. <i>ve</i>	881. <i>Remdt</i>
823. <i>eafe ano</i>	882. <i>thete</i> (?)
826. <i>warae</i>	887. <i>in continent</i>
828. <i>boyde</i>	888. <i>wif</i>
830. <i>weae...uhat hrlth</i>	889. <i>lake</i>
831. <i>saw saw</i>	891. <i>behanged</i>
833. <i>tste</i>	893. <i>shals</i>
834. (catchword cropt)	901. <i>shrew de</i>
836. <i>liuингl</i>	903. <i>althre</i>
838. <i>abouf</i> (?)	907. <i>shaike...warding</i> <i>alonge</i>
841. <i>blam</i>	909. <i>wel</i>
842. <i>Co staunder</i> <i>vndesrrued</i>	912. <i>remābze...a nother</i>
843. <i>drpart</i>	917. <i>displesur</i>
846. <i>spynardo</i>	918. <i>vngrocious</i>
847. <i>folse chefe...Health</i>	
849. <i>witel</i>	
850. <i>ia</i>	
851. <i>peca</i> (the 'e' doubtful)	
853. <i>meae</i>	

919. disfulation	940. yfye (?)
923. devyl	941. restore
924. liberty (the 'z' doubt- ful; opposite l. 923)	954. Char (?)
925. ymanginacien	955. remdy
927. wyscef	956. deuer
928. pyson	958. riagne
933. (catchword cropt)	960. rontinue
	961. w (w)

An enterlude of

Welth, and Helth, very mery and full of
pastyne, newly set his wryte

Imprinted.

(. :.)

The names of the players.

Welth.	Hoyll.	Hance.
Helth,	Shwoodwoyt.	Remedy
Lybertle.		

Yous may easly play this playe.

aforsaid

Here entreth Welch, and Welch singleng together
a balet of two partes, and after speakeþ.

Welch.

Whi is there no curtesye, note I am come
I trowe that all the people be dumme
O; eis so god helpe me and halidume
They were almoist a sleepe.
No wordes I hard, nor yet no talkinge
No instrument went nor ballatred synging
What ayles you all thus? dosyt dremming
Of whom take ye carer.

Of my comynge ye may be glad to heare
Therefor I pray you be not fyd
For all poor dedhes shall be had
I can amende your cheare.

By god I thulke ye haue forgyffen me
I am welch of this realme looke vpon me
For I am to everyman louning and frendly
For welch hath no peer.

Brother welch haue ye not yet doone?
ye prayse your selfe abouz the moone
Every man mapperepue therby soone
That you lacke disresyou.

Wherfore by god I cannot say so muche
I am so welthy of substance and ryche
In all the worlde wheres is one such
As I am of comparison.

Welch is good I cannot denay
Yet prayse your selfe so muche ye may
For welch oftentimes doth decay
And welch is nothing sure.

A. A.

Welch

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Welth.

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Hance.

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Remedy

Lybertie.

Foure may easely play this Playe.

¶ Here entreth Welth, and Helth synging together
a balet of two partes, and after speaketh
Welth.

W hy is there no curtesy, now I am come
I tewe that all the people be dumme
Or els so god helpe me and halydum
They were almost a sleepe.

No wordes I harde, nor yet no talking
No instrument went nor ballattes synging
10 What ayles you all thus to syt dreming
Of whom take ye care?

Of my coming ye may be glad
Therefore I pray you be nos sad
For all your desyre shall be had
I can amende your cheare

By God I thinke ye haue forgotten me
I am welth of this realme looke vpon me
For I am to every man louing and freendly
For welth hath no pere.

20 Brother welth haue ye not yet doone?
ye prayse your selfe aboue the moone
Every man may perceyue therby soone
That you lacke discresyon

Wherfore, by god I cannot say to much
I am so welthy of substaunce and rych
In all the worlde where is one such
As I am ofcomparison.

Welth is good I cannot denay
Yet prayse your selfe so muche ye may
30 For welth oftentimes doth decay
And welth is nothing sure.

Welth.

Welth.

Welth.

Welth. Welth hath ben euer in this countrey
And here I purpose styll for to be
For this is the lande most mete for me
And here I wyll endure.

Health Therin ye speake full louingle
For in this realme welth shold be
yeth no displeasure I pray you hartely
But in the way of communicacion.

40
And for pastyme I would speake some wayes
Of no comparison, nor to you no dyspayre,
I doo not intende that maner alwayes,
But for a recreation,

wealth Brother what soeuer ye say to me.

I wyll heare you paciently
I am content and I thanke you hartely
Begyn and say your pleasure

Health I thanke you hartely then wyll I
Some what vnto my purpose apply
Though welth be praised marualulys
yet to myne understanding.

Welth is mutable, and that iu shame
And welth is hauty and proude of name
Welth is cruell, and in great blame
For welth is euer wauerynge.

wealth To whom haue I doone any harme can ye say,
ye stander me nowe, yet I trust I may
Aunsweare for my selte in euery maner way
ye wyl not deny that?

Health God forbyd but ye should do so
And ye may doo it whether I wyl or no
Inlykewise, I must answer you also
When ye say not true.

Though I be but to you a poore man
yet helth I height, the same I am
That is desyred vniuersally than
Some calles me as good as you

As I, mary ther in deede ye do compare.

Welth.

Such wordes myght brynge you soone in care

70 Lewde parson, thouart not ware

Of what substaunce I am

Yes I can tell what you are, be not dyspleased
welth is of great substaunce, that cannot be denied
yet shew your comodities, and ye shalbe answerd
I promyse you welth is fugitiue.

What sayst thou, am I a fagetyue

wealth

I was neuer so taken vp in my lyfe

Noz called vnsure, well I wyll make no stryfe
yet where as thou dost say,

80 ThaI I shold shew my commodityes alwayes
The best for my selfe wherof I aske prayse
yt I shoulde stand her all my lyfe dayes
yet I coulde not say.

Noz halfe the benefites that commeth of me
yt cannot be tolde noz resyted shortly
Welth is the floure of althing earthly
That you cannot denye.

Ferste god sauе, our soueraine Ladye the Queene
With all the counsel and all that with them bene

90 Am not I welth with them euer at ene

Who shoud be there but I?

Men of the lawe, and ioly rych marchauntes
There be welthy both of goodes and lands,
Without comparyson is in their handes
I welth hatg all treasure.

Health. O good syr, of whom commeth all this
Of god only, to you no thanke Iwys
And yet mans welth stands not all in ryches
I dare saye that boldly,

100
Whan a man hath a cempetent liuing
with the grace of god that passeth all thyng
Loue of his neyghbour, and good reporting
Then is he welthy,

Welth of goodes is but a fame
Ye is welthy that hath a good name
Euery wyse man wyll coueyte the same
For otherwelth I not reche
yf a man haue neuer so much good name
Euerywise man wyll coueyte the same
if his dtsposicions be nought and wood
Then he is but a wretch,

110
Welth. Nay thou art a wretch, and a foole vnwyse
welth of ryches thus to despysse
Doest thou not se all the worlde aryse
By goodes and substaunce

He that hath plenty of syluer and golde
May haue all thyng whatsoeuer he woulde
whan can welth lacke, seing all thing is solde
And welth is of assuraunce.

120
Health I denye that, your saying is nought
Grace, heauen, nor cunning, cannot be bought
without great paine, ad good dedes wrought
Els man cannot them haue.

wealth Stop thereat, and hold thy peace
May not men by heauen with richesse
As to bylde churches and make bye wayes
Such dedes mans soule doth sauie

Pea

Pea, but yet ye must marke one thyng
yf these goodes came with wronge doyng
130 Shall ye haue heauen for so spedyng
Dy yet any mede.

Health

May nay except that man himselfe doo meeke
And make resystance the ryght honour to seeke
Els all such good dedes is not woth a lelke
Welth hereof take heede.

Why thinkest thou that all men which hath welth wealth.
Getteth theyr goodes with brybry and stealeth
Thy reporte is nought therfore Helthe
I counsell thee to say the best.

140 So I wyll, but yet I must say true
And now a lyttle more I wyll say to you
Much sorowe and care welth doth brewe
He is seldom in rest.

Health

when a man is a lyttle hit and welthy
And hath in his cheste treasures plentye
Then wyl he wrangle, and do shreadly
By his power and might.

With his neigboures he wyll go to lawe
And a wreke his malyce for valem of strawe

150 welth is fykle and out of awe
wylfull in wronge or ryght

Thou speakest with a flaunderous tongue
All of euyll wyll, and yet it is wronge
welth in this realme hath bin longe
Of me commeth great honour.

Welth.

Because that I welth hath great porze
All the worlde, byther doth resorte
Therfore I welth, am this realmes comfort,
And here I wyll indure.

Helth. So I wold ye shold, and I shall do the same
Helth I am called, and that is my name
If I wold not abyde heare I were to blame
For here I am well cherished

Pet say your selfe, nhw indifferenly
And if every man doo not loue me
Helth as well as welth, yes verely
Cheroft I dare be reported

Weith. Why shold they loue thee? that woulde I knowe
As wel as me, I pray you showe
I am the superiour of hie and lowe
No man may compare with me.

Helth. To shew why I wyll not be afraied
For I can bide by that I haue sayde
Of welthy men be very well apayd
Or muche they set you by.

But of welth, if they haue neuer so much
Goodes, tryasure and golde, and be called rych
Pet yfthey lacke helth, there payne is such
That they were better dye.

A man to were golde, and be in payne
What ioy hath he? none, but would be sayne
To giue all his treasure for helth playne
Or els he were very mad:

For if a man be neuer so poure
Pet if he haue helth, that is a treasure,
Then for his liuing, he may laboure
And in his harte be glad,

Welth. I neuer marked thus muche, nor vnderstood
That Helth was such a treasure, and to man so good
Wherfore I am sorry, and I wil chaunge my mood
Now I pray you forgiue me.

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I will forgiue or els I were to blame
And I pray you to forgiue me the same
I loue you hartly, and wyll prayse your name
yf it please youto keepe my company.

Health

¶ Here entreth lyberty with a song & after speaketh
Why tary syrs whether are ye going
I see well ye looked not for my comming
Loe, out of syght out of remembryng
200 Absence is cause of straungnes,

libert

What looke ye on werwhy are ye so straunge
From your fellow liberty, doth your minds chaūge
In your company I was wont to range
What nedes all this busines,

By liberty now I doo not set
Seyng that helth and I am met
As feloweh together no man shall let
Me for to loue hym best.

wealth

210 Let me heare what ye do say
Then ye are about to cast me away
How happes this? mary then I may
Goe pyke strawes and take me rest.

liberty.

I pray you tell me whom I haue offended
yf I haue made a faute it shalde amended
with so shorte warning let me not be voyded
I crow yet ye do but iest.

Why do ye make this cauelacion
we entende to make no alteracyon
welth and I haue had communication
220 He is my freende of olde.

Helth.

What was the matter, I pray you tell
Me thinkes I ought to be of counsel
Or els I promyse you ye doo not well

liberty

B.i.

with

With you I shold beholde.

Welth. The matter is doone we are agreed
To reason it more it shall not neede
D brother helth, thou art in deede
More preciouser then golde.

liberty. Gods bodi how commeth this gere to pas
I am cast out at the cartes arse
The wylde is nothing as it was
For I am here refusid

Health Why be you angry that we doo agree
Then are ye not wyse, for isye loue me
I will loue hym agayne, so it shold be
Or els I were mysaduised

yllibert Then of my loue ye set no store
My company I see well ye looked notfore
Farewell I wyll get me out of the doore
yet I am your betters and so am I called.

wealth Such presumptuouse wordes wyll haue a fall
your comparyson is but feble and small
What can ye do nothyng at all
As you haue reputid.

liberti. What were ye both two, were not I.
Wretches and captyves, looke not so hye
Thinke no scorne hardly
For I may be your peare

ys welth haue neuer so much lubstaunce
Lacking Libertye and werr in duraunce
Within a whyte, I am in assurance
ye woulde pray me come nere.

ys Helth be neuer so lust and stronge
yet if Lyberty were kept from him longe
Then sowow and care wolde be his songe.

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yt

yt would abate your cheare.

Eye of welth which lacketh lybertye

Eye of Helth and be in captiuitie

Eye of riches and lack good company

260 Lyberty hath no pere,

Wyll ye heare how he doth clatter?

Helth.

What neede ye to rehearse all this matter.

ye know that we twayne afore any other.

Lyberty must nedes haue styll.

Lybertie on vs is glade to wayte

ye stande to farre in your owne conceypte

I wys lybertye ye ran make no bayte

To catche vs at your will.

Now there ye lye, I can suffer no longer

liberty.

270 Welth for Lybertye doth loboure euer

And helth for Libertye is a great store

Therfore set me not so lyght

Libertye I pray the reason no more

wealth

ye are welcome to vs as ye were before

In dede of liberty it is great suter

Therfore welcome by this lyght

Now I thanke you both full kindly

liberty,

your strange wordes alytle did greue me

And now at your cōmaudement I am redy

280 And at your owne wyll.

¶ Here entreth with some iest yllwyll

Wyll..

Mary I am come at the first call

Wyll, your owne man haue me who shall

For I am will seruaunt to you al

Ye shall not neede to sende for me.

Who is acquainted with this man

Welth.

B. ii.

He

He is very homely and lytle good he can
To come in here so boldly, then
Dryue him away quickly,

Wyll. Why, I cam not tyll C was called
your owne wyll openly ye named
Then I came a pace leſt I ſhould be blamed
Therefore I pray you let me byde ſtyll,
ealth Whose wyll, or what wyll, doth he meane
Thou art not my wyl, I forſake thee cleane
My wyl and their wylles is often ſene
Our wylles can none yll

Wyll. Alas good masters I can none yll
yet by my trouth I am your euyll wyll
your wil, & your will, & your will, therfore keepe me 300
I loue ye by goddes mother,

liberty. This is a ſtraunge ſaying vnto me
My wyl, your wyll, and his wyll, this cannot be
For in our wyles is great diuerſitie
For one is not lyke another,

Wyll. Yet by Christ your owne wyl I am
The maddest wyl, and the meriest, than
For goddes ſake now, let me be your man
Cyl ye haue better acquaintaunce.

wealth I perceyue this felow is kynde
And owerth to vs good wyl and mynde
Some kindes agayne then let hym finde
Let him haue ſome furderaunce

Wyll. By god ſir and I durſt be ſo bolde
Arquaintance of this man clayme I would
and kynred to, yf the trouth were tolde
we be of one consanguinitie

Health How ſo? let me here that I pray thee hartly

wyll

Wyll.

320 Wyl and lybertyeis, of aunciterie olde
with out lybersye, wili dare not beholde
And where wyl lacketh, lybertye is full colde
Thyrsore wyl and lybertye must nedes be of kyn.

In dede as he saythe it may well be

liberti.

For wyl euer longeth vnto lybertye

Therfore good freende welcome to me

I praye you al be good to him And goeth out

Welth.

For your sake he is welcome to vs all

Let him come to our place ano than he shall

Haue succoure of vs and helpe withal

330 ¶ now we wil depart. And welth & helth goth out.

Wyl ye go hence. I thanke ye masters with al my Wyll.

I wyl seke you out I warrant you feare not (hert

Now they be gone I am glad by saint mary

A lyttel while heare I purpose to tary

How to deceyue welth, helth, and libertie

Now must I deuyse.

For I am a chylde that is pas grace

Ilwyll I am called that in every place

Doth much mischiefe this is a playne case

340 Aertue I doo vtterly dispise,

But if they wylt what I were

Then of my purpose I shoud be neuer y nere

I wyl kepe my tonge leste that I mar

My whole intent and wyll.

But now I meruayle by this day

Where shewd wit is gone a stray

Some crafty touche is in his way

I here him, peace, stand styll.

¶ Entreth shewd wyt with a songe.

350 ¶ Dieu vous garde playfaunce

B.iii.

On

On feuen or no mumchaunce, what yonkers dare
To playe a grote or twaine. (auaunce

Loe heare I haue in store
Two or three grotes and no more
I take great thought therfore
For to kepe it, it is much Payne

I come now out of a place
where is a company of small grace
Theues and hoxes that spendes a pace
They were dronken all the sorte.
One of their purces I did aspy
Out of his sleue where it dyd lye
And one wynked on me with his eye
But ther began the spore

Their false falsehode, and I crafty wyt
got the purse loe, heare I haue it
I ran my way and let hym syt
Smoke and shitten arse together.

And yf that I had yll wyll here
with this money we wolde make good chere
Gentle brother wyll, I pray the apeare
For thou art in some corner.

Wytte I woulde come in but I am a fearde
Least that I be taken by the bearde
Wyt some catchepol, I haue heard
How thou haste stollen a purse

Wytte Thou horson art thou mad, cum in I say
This is not the fyste hazard that I haue scaped
yf I make an hand to decke my felse gay
what am I the worse.

wyll From thy company I cannot abyde
I must nedes holde vpon thy syde

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yll

yllwyll and shrewdwit who caa hyde
For they will be together.

Now welcome wyll and what cheare:
By god I thought for thee a thousand yere
Peace for gods body who cummeth there
Hance bere pot Ascon router.

wytte.

¶ Entreth Hance with a dutche songe.

390 Gut nynen scone rutters by the moder got
It heist ðwne schon, for staue ye nete
De qusteker mau iche bie do do
Uau the groate bnmbarde well ic wete
Dartyck dowsant van enheb it mete
Ic best de mauikin van de koining dangliler
De grot keyser kind ic bene his busketer

Here ye not dronke hance how he be gins to prate Wyll.
The malowperte sleminge is a little to cheke mate
Let the knaue alone, for his name is war.

wytte

400 Such dronken slemminges your company wil mar
Ic best nen emond, ic best in soche
ye lecte nete well ic forstaue ye in doche

Hance.

Cumpt hoze leyf with your gound stand nere
yt becummes you better to handle a potte of beare

Wyll.

Dat maght icvell dan, ic can skynke frelyck
Tab bers frow, ic briuges broze, begotts nemerick

Hance

The horsen knaue by the masse is dronke
A winking for depe his eyen be cleane lonck

wytte.

Ic forzaue ye vell ye seg dac ic slope

Hance

410 Nenike, nenike, ic compte hoze for an andor cope.
Wel coppin I pray the hartly tell vs trew

Wyll.

Whersore comest thou bether for any thing to sew
yeicke feger, en būbardere vā de koyning wei it be

Hance

Heb twe skelling de dagh ic con scote de culueryn

Mae

wytte.

May ye shall walke a fleming knaue, wyl ye not see
We haue English gunners ynow, there is no rome

Hance

Ic best en bomberde mot ye to me spreken (empty
what segye ye bones, it sal ye yode flaen

Wyll.

We speake not to thee thou art a scone man
But goe thy way they be not here that promot \hat{y} \hat{c} ⁴²⁰

Hance

Caut ye me a de house dragen van degrot here.

Hance

Hance ye must go to \hat{y} court $\&$ for welth inquire

wytte.

What segre ye welth nenyke he is net hore

Hance

welth best in flaunders, it my self brought him doze

Wyll.

Beshrew your horson fleminges hert therfore.

Hance

in dede as he saith, by war in flaunders theris welth

wytte.

Segt ye dat brower, by the moder got dan (store

Gut naught it mot waft, to sent cafrin to mi lanmā

Is he gone, farewel hanykin bowse ($\&$ goeth out

I pray god giue him a hounded drouse

For I trow a knaue brought hym to house

But now brother wyt.

430

We must deuose how that we may

Be in seruice with welth alwaye

Let me here what thou canst do or say

To helpe for to contryue it.

wytte.

For thy pleasure that I shall

This wyll I doo first of all

Flatter and lye, and euermore call

Them my good maysters byll.

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Then with swering, lying and powlinge

Bybry, theft, and preuy pyking

Thus I shred wet, wyll euer be doinge

I warrant ther yllwyll.

Wyll.

I cun thee thanke, this is well deuyseyd

And I yll wil, wolde haue euery man dispised

But

But now another thing must be contriued
Or els al wilbe nought

There is one they call good remedy
450 In this realme, he hath geat actorty
He is a noble man and much worthy
Many thinges he hath wrought
He is called lust, discrete and indifference
Willing to fulfil his soueraines commaundement
He is not fraide to do right punishment
Therefore of him I am astrayde

So am I to this maketh me very sadde
Yet oftentymes I haue bene harde bestadde
Now þ I am warned of him I am very glad
460 Sum crafty wyle for him shalbe hade

Peace no mo wordes but mum
My think I heare mast welth cum
Knele downe and say sum deuout orison
That they may heare vs pray
Now Jesu saue Welth, Helth, and Lybertie.

Liberty and helth returneth back with welth
470 Syrs you shall haue both gods blessing
So are ye worth for your praying
ye are wel disposed and of good living
I wyll loue you the berter alway

Sir this do we vse every day
For welth helth and liberty to pray
This same is my brother, to you I mayay
He is an hard honest man.

Forsooth mayster I am his brother
To be your seruant, was my cuming hether
As longe as we two be to gether
ye shall not peryshe than

wyte.

Wyll.

Wealth

Wyll.

wyte.

C.i.

To

Health To haue you both in seruyce I am content
How say you libertie wil you therto consent
Wyll and wit, god hath vs lent
We may be glade of them

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liberti. If we holde refuse wyl and wyt
we were to blame for they be syt
Therfore by my wel they shal not slye
They be welcome to me,

Wyll. God thanke you maisters all three
ye shal finde vs poze but true we cannot be
My tonge stumbles, I cry you mercy
We wyll be true I shoud say,

wealth Syrs go your way home vnto one place
And we wyl hym vs after apace
And when we come we shall set you in case
To haue a lyuing alway.

490

Health Then loke ye do both truely and iust
For we must put you in great trust
All our houshould guide ye must
Behaue you selfe well.

wytte Maisters feare not for I haue wit inough
To beguyle my selfe, and to beguyle you
I haue vegyled many one I may say to you
I pray you kepe that in councelll

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liberty. Beware of that, what doth he say?
Beguyle vs all, yet I charge ye nay
Ye shall not beguile vs yf I may
I wyl beware betyme.

Wyll. Syr be not angry I you praye
the foole woteth not he doth say
He meneth chat he wil be profitable alw ay
And saue you many thinges.

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what

What he meaneth I cannot tell
But his saying is not well
Depart hence syrs by my councell
And tary vs at our lodging.

Health

¶ Now and it please ye, wyll ye here any synging
Therein I tell you I am somwhat connyng
ye shall heare and ye list.

wytte.

Syr I pray you sing and ye can

liberty

Now wil I begin like a lusty bloud thā. thei sing wyll.

520 Sirs now go your way of you I am glad (t go out
As of any seruauntes that euer I had
For these can do both good and bad
We must needes haue such men

What were we ys we lacked wyll:
And without wyt we shoulde lyue yll
Therfore wyll and wit I wyll kepe styll.

I promise you I loue them

¶ Here commeth remedy in and to him saith

Syr your maystership is hartely welcome

Welth.

530 Take your place here aboue as it is reason.

I pray you oardon vs, we know not what ye be
ye seme a man of honour, and of great auctority

Health

Syr to know wherfore ye come we are desyrous

liberty

I am he that ought for to be wcll knownen

Remdi

Of you thre specially, and of duetie

Great Payne and busines as for mine owne

For you I haue taken because I loue you hartely

To maintaine you is all my desyre and faculty

yet hard it is to doo, the people be so variable

540 And many be so wilfull, they will not be reformatable.

Syr I pray you pardon vs of our ignoraunce now wealth
I se well ye know vs better than we do you

Remdi I pardon you, for I doo know you wel both
welth, and helth, is your right names
The which Englaud to forbere were very loth
For by welth and helth commeth great fames
Many other renlmes for our great welth shames
That they dare not presume, nor thy dare not be bold
To stryue againe England, or any right with holde.

Health Sir ye be welcom, I besech you shew vs your name 550
remedi Good remedy forsouth I rm the same.
liberti. ys I durst be so bolde I wolde pray you hartely
R md To shewe vs apart of your great aceoritie,
Wealth My actoritie is geuen to me most speciall
Remdi To maintaine you thzee, in this realme to be
What mine intent is. I wyl tel, but not all
For that were to longe to reherse of a surety
And I desyre you all for to be louing to me
For your owne eale, come welth and profyt
Remdi Good remedy, then we must desyre your aydying 560
For by good remedy cometh all our preferring.

All that I doo intende, if ye wil therto agree
And to be reformable for your owne eale
It is not the thyng that lieth only in me
But my good wyl, therfore I wyl not cease
To haue your loue and fauour, and thereby to please
Al the worlde ouer, and to promote ehis realme
That you thze may prosper, ye percelue what I mene
The chiese parte of all welth lyeth in great estates
Theyr substance and landes. is right commendable 570
Prelates of the churche is welthy of ryches
Merchautes hath marchaude & goods incoperable
Men of law & franklins is welthy which is laudable
thus

Thus welth of riches is deuided diuerse wayes
And to these many charges, come now a dayes

My hert reioyseth to here your good reporting
Much are we bound to god, which prouideth althing

Health

Forsoth here is not halfe that I could reherse

Remdi

The benefits of god that he sheweth to you welth

580 Consider Englyshmen, how valiant they be & fierce
Of al nacions none such, when they haue their helth
No land can do vs harme, but wyth falsehod or stelth
remembre what nobre of me, or artillerie & good ordinace
Specially y grace of god, which is our chief forderace

If there be any that wyll grudge, surmyce or doo
Againe welth, helth & libertie, then must I for y same
Shew mine auctoritie and power, for to remedy it so
That none of you shall diminishe, nor amisse be tane

590 I good remedy therfore may & will speake wout blaue
For the comen welth, & helth both of the soule & body
y is mi office & power, & therfore I haue my auctoritie

Our lordre continue ye, & we thanke you hartly
Both for your good instruction, and for your kindnes
That you intende so wel for vs good remedy
when we haue nede we will desyre your goodnes

wealth

When we be infect in the soule or body

Health

Then will I seke good remedy for succour

As yet I thanke god I haue no nede greatly

ys I haue then wyll I seke to haue your sauour

600 Syr now we wyl departe hence with your licence
For other diuers busines that we must haue tohether
Sirs I am content, now when ye wyll depart

liberty

To god I commyt you I wyll not make you tary

Remdi

But yet I pray with all my minde and heart

Take hede in any wise exchewe yl & shrewd compani

þf a mā be never so good & vse w̄ thē þ be vñthristi
He shal lese his name, & to some vice they wil him tēp
therfore beware of such people, & from thē be exempt
yes yes I warrant you of sach I wyll beware.

Health Farewel good remedy & wel to fare. & goth out 610

Remdi I pray god be your spedē & preserue you frō paine
it is mi mind ye shold prosper I wold haue it so fain.

Wyll. Here is none of our acquaintaūce wil retourneth
we haue made to longe tariaunce
that wyll ye say perchaunce
And they begone home come away apare

Wytte. Nay by god not so hastie
A lytle whyle we wyll larye
Good euen syz to you mary
Dwell ye in this place?

Remdi Nay good fellowe I dwel not heare
Wherfore doest thou chat inquire:
Woldest thou ought with any heare
Speake be not afryde

Wyll. By God I would I had your gowne
And were a myle without the towne
Cheron I woulde borowe a crowne
It is I that so sayde

Wytte. Hew lookest thou one him halfe a scorne
I p-omise you he is a scant gentylman borne
What shayest thou in his face

Remdi For somwhat in his face I lok e
In dede his masterhip standes a crooke
For false shrewes both of you I tooke
And chyldren that be past grace.

Wyll. I wyll swere for hym, as for this yeares twenty
that he hath ben euer as true as I

yet

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yet sometyme he will steale and make a lye
He is of my alyaunce.

640 In good sayth the same thinke I
That ye be both lyke, full unthristy
Srys how do ye lyue, shew me quickly
Or I shall put you in duraunce
How liue we? mary our meate
Cummost thou hether for to threte:
So lordly syr wittam doth speake
From whence doth he come can ye shewe

Remdi

wytte.

Wyll.

650 By the masse thy handes doth tykell
Thou shalt beare me a blowe.
you false theues I know ye well
I shall let your purpose euey deale
yllwyll, and shrewd wit, the deuyll of hell
Take ye both for me.

remedi

wytte.

Mary thou lyest, our names be not so
Call vs but wit, and wyll, adde no more thereto,
ys thou doest thou were as good no
We shall handle you shrewdly

660 Srys farewell here I wil no longer abide
For you both shortly I wyll prouide
That all your false craft shalbe out tryed
And our subtillitie knownen and goeth out.

Remdi

wytte.

To go so soone the horson was wyse
therfoore come now I must devise
that each man may welth, helth and libertidespise
Or els he wyll marre all our mateer.
Brother wet, ler me alone
When they come you shal see me a none

Com

Complayne of him, vnto them echone
And put him out of fauour

670

Wyttē wealth Peace no mo wordes, for they come yonder

Sys I am glade that you be heare

How doth all our houshold, with them what chere?

Is every thiag in order there

Afirr our intente?

wyll. ye syr they be all mery and glad

With reuell and rout somtime they be mad

Pipe whoze hop theef, euery knaue and drabe

Is at our commaundement.

680

Helth turneth hym.

What do ye say, then ye are to blame

And we put you in trust for the same

To kepe such rule, it is a shame

I tis not for our honour.

wytte. By the masse ihe horson doth lye

There is no such rule by gods body

A man may breke his neck as lyghtly

As his fast in your kechin, or seller truly.

Liberty turneth him

690

With that nother I am not content

I wolde there shoud be liberalitie competēt

And with honesti it is conuenient

That our neighbour fare the better

Wyll. you be angey with all that we haue done

Cum away brother let vs go hens soone

I know a new maister wher we shalbe welcume

God be with you gentyl maister

Welth. Why wil ye begone for a worde

Peraduenture we did but boorde

Ye thinke ye shoud your mayster foorde

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For

For to speake my minde.

Nay nay, I can tel what was the matter
Remedy was here, and he dyd flatter
ye trust he moxe than vs and better
But marke the ende, what ye shal find

wytte

With good remedy we spake in dede
To folow his counsel we had neede
He warned vs that we shold take hede
710 Of excesse and prodigalitie.

Health

I meruayle ye speake so of good remedy
It is I that can do moxe than he
Wyt can make shyft at necessity
When Remedi cannot be hearde

Wytte

I know some that hath this thousand yere
Sought god remedy and yet neuer rhe nere
wit can put remedy by, yea this is cleare
For wit is a crafty lad.

Wyll.

720 And wyl is an vngacious stay
Wyl hath doone many thinges men say
And ys ye let wit and wil goe his way
ye wil repent it soone.

Why what cause haue you to go your way
ye shall abyde wicch vs though you say nay
I wyl folow wyl, and wit alway
And so I haue euer done

liberty

ys I wyl al my masters wolde so do
Then from your seruyce I wolde not goo
Speake now whether ye wyl or no

wytte.

730 And let vs know your minde
Syrs ye be welco me to me playne
And for your company I am full fayne
I had leuer suffer great payne
Then to leue my wit and wyl,
D.i.

Health

Wyll. Then let vs go hence, with kindnes my her ye do kyll
Health I pray you let vs go, wherfore do we byde styll.

and goeth out

Remdi As touching my first purpose hither I am com again
I trow ye know me, good remedy is my name
That euery day doth take great abor or Payne
To amende all faultes, I am chosen to the same
ys any mans conscience here doth grudge or shame
Hauing in him self remorse, & mendes in tyme & space
I am good remedy, and god is ful of mercy and grace
Therfore I wyl stand asyde, & a lyttel whyle remaine
Of welth, Helth and Lybertye, for to inquire
How they be ordred, and ys any man complayne
I wil be glad to shew me remedy, my think I se one a
peare.

740

Hance Begots drowse ic my selfe bin cūpt heye scō lansmā 750
Ic mot in ander land lopen, al is quade dan

Remdi Thou Fleming frō whēe comest y & what dost y here.

Hance Ic my self cumt frō sent Katryns doze mot ic skyne
Remdi Get y thether againe, & tary here no lōger (de cā beer

Hance Syr ic mot mid ye spreken ic my self be en scomaker
Remdi What and thou be therwith I haue nothin a doo.

Hance Ic dest al forlore, copin is dod, ic maght aot do therto

Remdi I pray thee go hence, for thou dost trouble me yll.

Hance Men ic seker, ic wyl not gon, ic wold fain liue hōze stil

Remdi There is to mainy allauts in this reale, but now I 760
good remedy haue so prouided that English men shall

lyue the better dayly.

Hance What segt ye by gots drowse, dai is de quade man

Be de moro goi, ic my selfe loue de scone Englishman.

Remdi Fie on y flattering knaue, fie on you aliaūts al I say

ye can w craft & subtel tiget englishmēs welth away

Hance O skon mester, ic heb hōze bin, this darten peore

ic canskote de coluerin, & ic can be dr beare bōer,

trust see so prouide that welth from you haue I shall

770 Ic seg to you dat welth is lopen in an ander contry Hance
wat hebegy dar brough, forstan ye net, segt me

Ic vnderstand the wel, yet thou liest lyke a knaue

Remdi

welth is here i Englād, & welth stil i trust we shal haue

Hance

Ic ment no quad ic loue de english man by min here

Hance

Cūp up sent Katrin and ic shal ye geuē twe stope bere,

Set þ hence drōkē Fleming þ shalt tary no lenger here

Remdi

þor it net mare herebin, woder sal ic gewest kiskin

Hance

Ic wil to de Kaizer gan, dar fall ic wal skinkin (& goth

Is he gon? I pray god the deuyll go with him (out

Remdi

780 wher is welth, helth & tiberty. I wold see thē come in

Helth commeth in with a kercher on his head.

Cō good lordē helpe me, by your licence my souerain Health

I am homely to com her in your presēce thus diseased

Mede constraineth me, for remedy I wold haue faine

I am infect both body & soul, I prai you be not displeased

Why what aile you shew me, yet you I do not know

Remdi

Glad I am to remedy any man, that is affirmity

I perceiue by your phisnamy, þ ye ar veri weke feble &

yet shew me your grieve, & I wil help you gladly. (low

790 Gracio⁹ remedi I thank you, yet I am half ashamed

Health

to shew you mi maladi & mi name, I was called helth

Therefore I am wel worthy to be punished & blamed

Because I haue not folowed your couſel, but al thing

may be suffered saue welth.

Are you helth, this maketh me very pensife and sad

Remdy

ye i be of good chere, & show how you were infect

To remedy you and succour you I wold be very glad

For god wyl punish the people when they be detelt

Syr I thanke god therof for wel worthy I am

Health

800 My conscience doth iudge, some trouble haue I must

I mendes I wyl make to god and if I can

Wil ad wit hath deceiued me in them I put my trust.
yf thou haue doone amisse, and be soray therfore
Then helpe a mendes is made, for that is contrission
Let that passe, now wil I are you one thyng more
Wher be welth ad Libertie, be they of good disposicio

Health As for welth is fallen in decay, and necessarie
By wast & war, thorow yll wyll, and shrewdwit
And lyberties is kept in duraunce and captiuite
God helpe vs all, and sende vs good remedy for it 810

Remdi For to heare this tale it maketh my hart heauie
yet be of good cōfort, god is ful of grace, & I am good

Health **C** Sir, thē I besech you help vs in the way of charity

Remdi I would fayne but I cannot tel which way to begin
Except I might catch wil & wit, then I trow I could
Tye the shorter, for they destroy welth, helth & liberty
yf I had y theues, punish the extremly I wole. (bi sin

Health You may soone catch them, if ye wil stande a syde
From this place they two, wyl not longe abide.

Remdi He thinketh I here them com, helpe to holde the fast 820

Wyll. Cum in wit for herc is no body (will turneth
We may ve bolde and talke largely
Our hertes to eafe ano shew plainly
What we haue doone.

wytte I must nedes laugh I cannot forbeare
To remember warre that knaue wil ye heare
The horson fleming was beshitten for feare
Because he shoud boyde so soone.

Wyll. Herke now do I meruayle by this bread
For I weae surely uhat hrlth be dead
I saw saw him go with a kercher on his head
As he shoud go to hangyng. 830

wytte Harke in thine Eare, yf tse horson hap
To complayne to him that weres the red cap

I feare then shortly he wyl vs clap

By the heles from our liuengl

May nay, there is no doubt

By hym I haue reported all about

That he doth not wel, his good name to put out

Wyll.

840 ylwyl cannot say wel,

Frende therin thou art the more to blam

remedi.

To staunder me wrongfully, and vndesrued

But or thou drpart thou shalt answeare for the same.

wher is Welth & liberty, how hast thou the ordred?

Dury cicis quest is vn malt ombre

Wyll

He is vn spynardo compoco parlauere.

Thou folse chefe is thine English tonge gone

Health

as mischeuo⁹ il wil & shrewdwit, ye haue destroyd ma

Sir hurt not me, & I wyltel you trouth anone (ni on

Wytte.

850 This same ia as false a knaue as euer cam win saint

Per amoz de my as peca vn poco

Johes wyll.

So queris and ar pour lagraunt creae so

Remdy

I can not tel what thou dost meae blabbler

Health

But y shalt speake English & confesse an other mater,

Syr I besech your lordship, in the way of charity

Health

Let not shese thefes escape your hands they haue destroyed vs vitterly.

Syr, beleue hym not he speakes but of malice onely wytte:

we be true men, therof we shall fetch good witnes

860 An honest man that shalbe bound for him and me

The law sayth plaine, nulla fides contra testes

that is trouth, but who wilbe witnes or boud for the Remdi

Wyll.

There is three amonge you in this howse

I Iyfgo to fetch them quickly

Wytte.

They wil come unsed for I warant you if they wyl

Remd

what be theyr names, tel me what they be,

Wyll.

That on is John Irische abd John sholer

Health
Wyll.

But ful these be honest men all three

Trust not their wordes they wyll dessemble stylle
They are so false and crafty, all theyr intent is yll.

870

Wytte,
Wyll.
Remdt
Wyll.
Wytte.
Health

ye lye falsely I speake but right and reason
And by the law of armes ye must nedes be tane
you are called good remedy which at al season
Sholde leaue to mans lyfe, and maintaine the same
we be here both your prisoners wrongfully accused bi
Kepe one of vs fast let him lye for all (defame
That other for frendes and wytnes goo shall.

Syr let hym not goo and leue me behynde
He wyl euer be a false knaue, for I know his mynde
Holde thy tonge folish knaue I do not meane so

880

I here now ye cannot agre, which of you shold go
No by gods body there shall none go but I

Remdi
Wyll.

Thou playest the knaue it must nedes be I
Kepe them safe I pray you for yf they scap againe
Many men shal repent it, it shalbe to our payne
They be here yet, to kepe them fast is myne intent,
Haue them away both to prison in continent.

Wytte.
Remdi
helth,
Wyll.
Remdi

Lo false knaue this is for thy crafty wif.
Now fast by the heeles we are lake to syt.
I am content so that I may haue compeny
yf I shold behanged, I wold be haged honest (t goth
Go hence with them t bring welth t liberty. (out
Com away ye theues, now I shalfe kepe you surely,
Lock vs vp t kepe vs as fast as ye can (t goth out
yet yll wyl and shrewdwit shalbe with many a man.

890

I am halfe ashamed, that long it hath ben sayd
That noble men by such wretches hath ben deceiued
they did reioyce and iest, and were very well apaide
Trusting to scape cleare, and styl for to haue rained
But now they shall not so, let them be wel assured

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that

That ylwyd and shrew de wyt shal haue but yl rest
For wheresoever they be I wyll breake theyr nest
In the honour of god we aske you forgeuenes althye wealth
we ought to be ashamed to looke you in the face
By our foly & negligence, we haue done so vnwisely
we were fowle deceyued, we put vs to your grace
Thys shalbe a good warding for vs alonge space
whan man is wel punished then he wyl beware
who that knoweth what nede is, wel after dredre care

910 I may not blame you gretly for by mine owne reasō Remdi
I know ylwyd and shrewdwyd deceiueth great & smal
ys ye can remābre thys. and beware a nother season
This is a good example and lerning to you all
Now serue god and loue him, & for grace euer call
And ylwyd and shrewdwyd, from you I shall abstaine
ye haue vsed them to longe to your domage and pain.

Forsooth syr ye sai trouth, they did vs great displesur health.
Full hard it is to vanquishe the vngrocious ylwyd
He is so crooked, by flattery, dissuilation & such other

920 Mannes mynd is so variable, & glad to report yl
I feare many one yet wolde haue him raine styll
For some vnto their owne wyl hath so much affection
yet the devyl and yl wyl is both of one complexion

yll wyl is nougħt, but worse is shrewdwyd liberty-
For he contruyeth al subtil ymanginacien
yt were unpossyble for a man els to doo it
shrewdwyd brewheth myscf, & false conspyacion
He hath put me lyberty in prison, ad great tribulacion
if it had not bene for your good remedi & fortheraūce
930 I & other þ hath libertie, shold haue bē in duraunce.

Be al of good chere, and haue no mistrust Remdi
The ende of yl wyl and shrewd wyt is but shame
Though they reygne a while, wrongfully and vniust
yet

yet truth wyll appeare and their misdedes blame
Then wronge is subdued, and good remedy tane
Though falsehod cloke, and hide his matters all
Craft wyll out and disceite wyll haue a fall

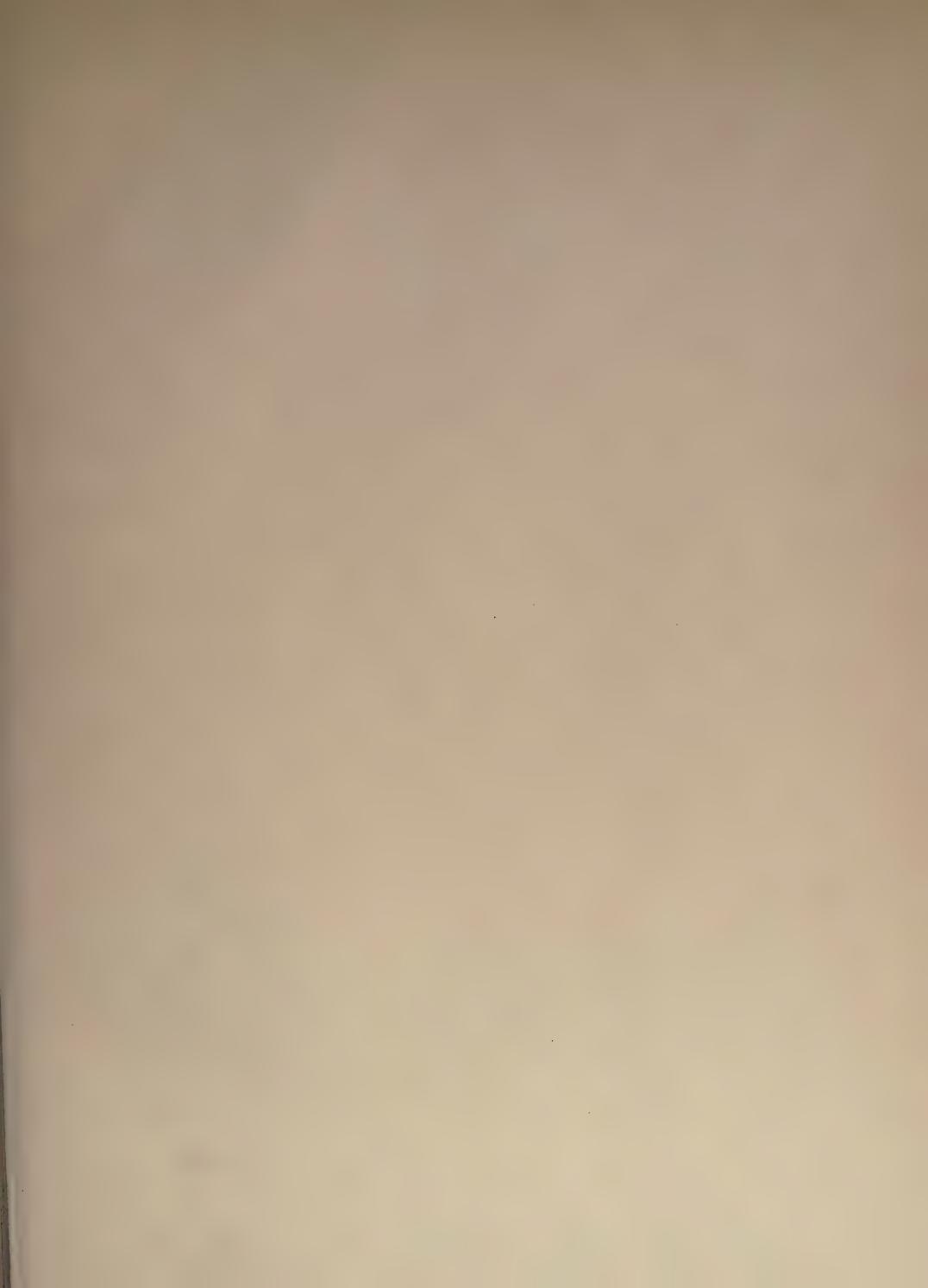
Whereas ye are now, in distresse all thre
Neare were ye brought in case lyke to marre
Now haue ye no doubt, ys ye wyll be ruled after me 940
I shal restore ye agayne as well as euer ye were
Welth kepe styll this realme, looke ye stray not farre
And helth be of good chere, your disease I can soone
Liberty now ye be released do no more offend, (mēde

wealth Now let vs al thāke god y good remedy hath sende
Trust to hym only for his grace and goodnes
we are forgiuenes of our trespass I trust we wil amēd
And cleane forslake syn, foly, and vnthriftines
th^o we wil here cōclude, soueraine of your graciousnes
we besech you to remyt our negligence, & misbehauor 950
There we haue sayd amis, we cōmit al to your fauor

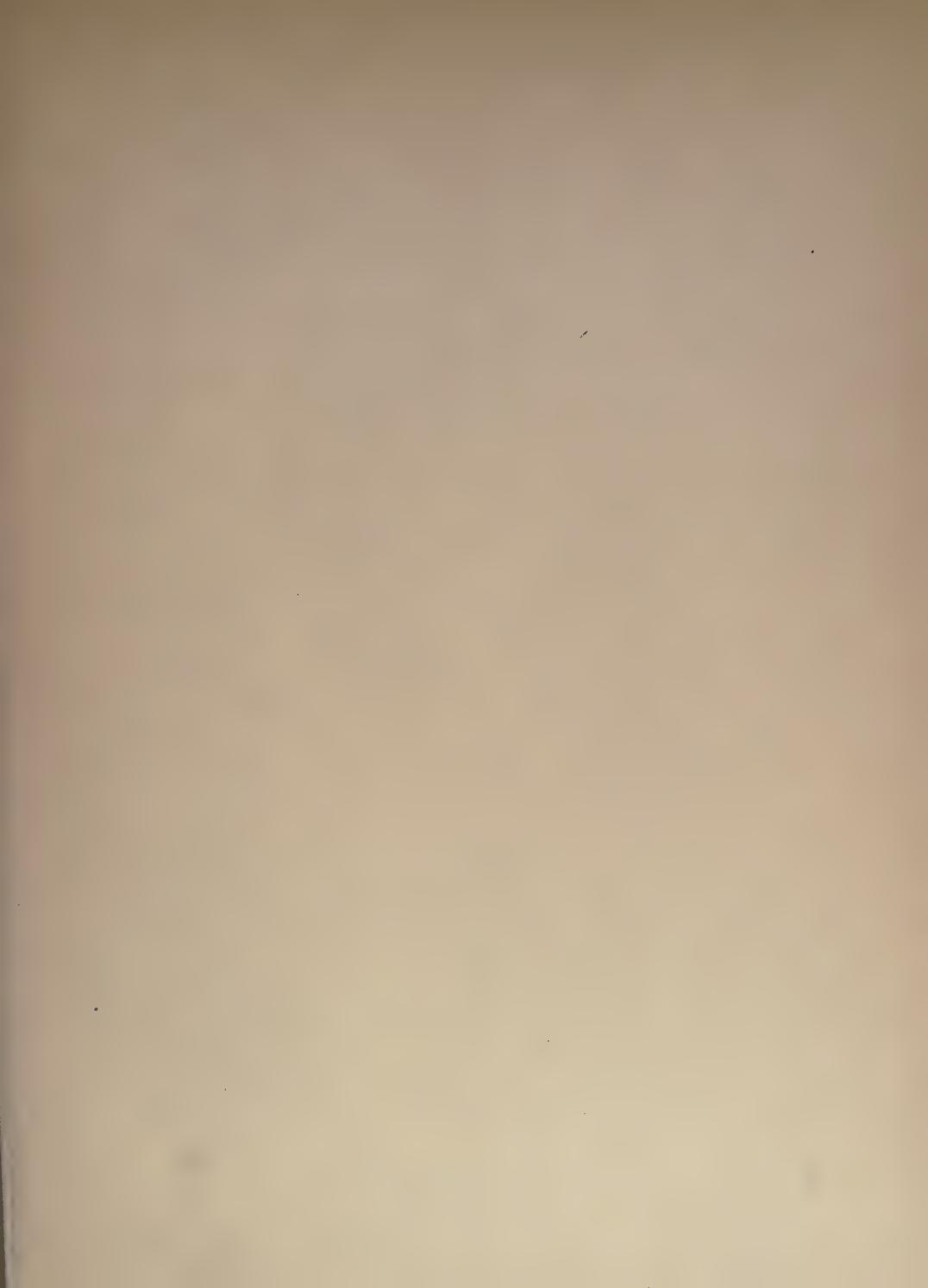
Health And for your preseruacion hartely we wyl pray
your realme to increase, with ioy and tranquility
That welth, helth & liberty, may continue here alway
By the ouersight and aide of him that is good remdy
which willingly doth his deuer, vnder your actoriutye
As parte here apereth your purpose to maintaine
God continue his goodnes, that longe he may riagne

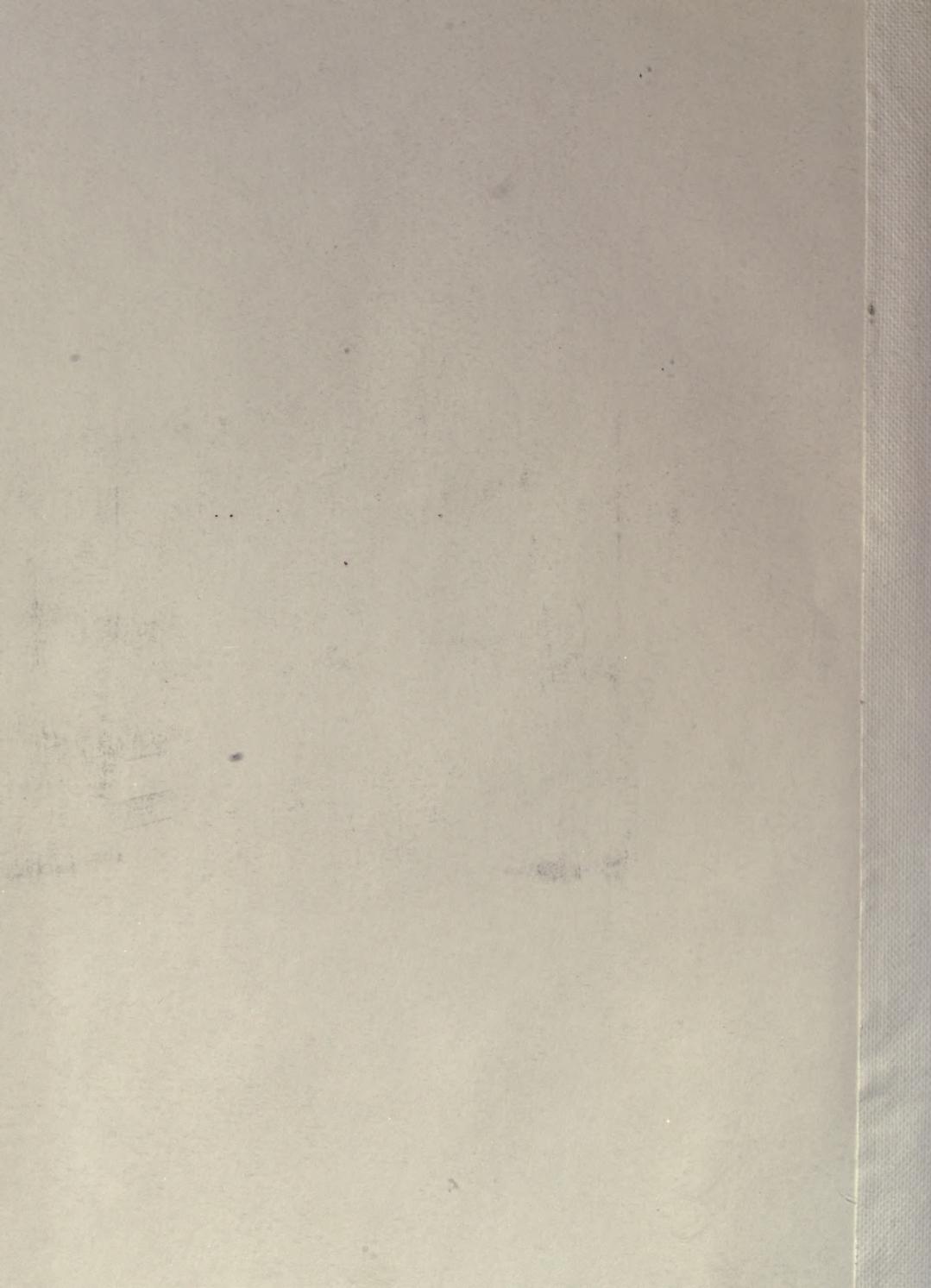
Remdi Jesu preserue quene Elizabeth y noble pr̄cis worthy
Jesu rontinue her helth long for to endure 960
Jesu indue her w vertue grace & honour (remedi euer
Jesu maintaine the lords of y couſel to execute good
Jesu spedē and helpe al them gods honour to further
Jesu increase the comunaltie to prosper and doo wel.

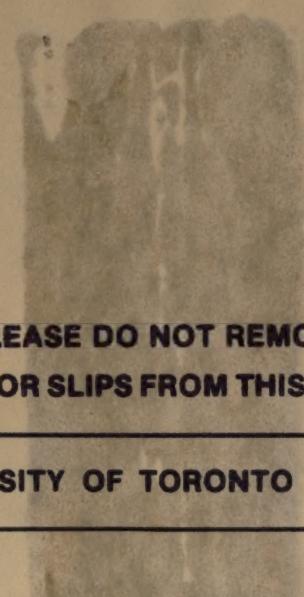
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